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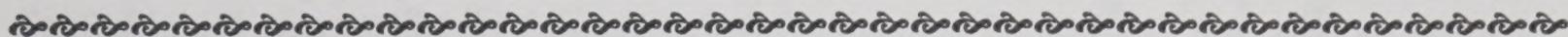
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1998 O.N.A. CONVENTION

**April 17th to 19th, 1998 at the Citadel Hotel & Convention Centre,
101 Lyon Street, North, Ottawa, Ont., Can. K1R 5T9**

This month's newsletter includes considerable information on this upcoming convention in Ottawa. It is expected that there will be several new wooden nickels issued at this convention. Please note that the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC will be holding a wooden money meeting on **Saturday, April 18th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and we look forward to a good turnout. As always, the meeting will include much information, an auction, a trading session and for sure, much lively, social interaction. Come and join us.



MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS AND FLATS:

Membership chairman, Al Munro, has forwarded many of these to me, for inclusion in this month's mailing. Some members will be, just now, receiving their membership flats for 1997. Al had depleted his supply of wooden membership flats but has now replenished this supply and is able to catch up and get these out to our membership. We apologize for this delay. Included with this mailing are the 1998 membership flats and receipts.

JIM BETTON DIES:

We were all sorry to hear of the untimely death of long time CAWMC member, Jim Betton of Santa Monica, California. Jim was a charter member of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors and had the number C29. The Bay Cities Coin Club has forwarded to me, a write-up on Jim, which is found on pages three and four of this newsletter.

ARTICLES NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER:

At present, your editor has virtually no material for next month's newsletter. As editor, I am always extremely grateful to those people who send me information or articles of any kind relating to the collecting of wooden money. Please remember that you do not have to be a 'writer' in order to submit your article. Send along your ideas, experiences, discoveries etc. in point form or other. I will use my 'editorial licence' to publish the material, as well as I can, for our membership.

You know very well, that as a collector, you come by additions for your collection in many different ways. Write down those experiences for all of us to enjoy. The article can be on how you first started collecting woods, research on old or new issues of woods, how you tried to track down a particular issue successfully or otherwise. Do you have a 'want list', a 'want ad' or a 'for sale ad' to put in the newsletter? If so, send it along.

Remember; you only get out of a club what you put into it, so take every opportunity to make your membership in CAWMC a rewarding one.

As I have said before: "We can't spell 'S CCESS' without U".

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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds
 United States Residents- \$10.00 U.S. funds
 International Members Rate (outside Can. & U.S.)-

\$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

Dues payed to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



We once again thank Earl Salterio for sending in this month's free wood. Two woods are needed to provide a wood to all members and have been doled out at random. These woods are catalogued under Calgary, Alberta as numbers 8140 - 190 and 8140 - 216 respectfully.

**IN REMEMBRANCE
JAMES L. BETTON III
May 20, 1935 - Feb. 12, 1998**

It is with a great amount of sadness that we announce the death of James L. Betton III, a dear friend and colleague. He died after a sudden heart attack while at home at the age of 62.

Jim was born and raised in Santa Monica, the eldest of two sons from the parents of two Santa Monica pioneer families. He attended the local schools including Santa Monica College before attending nearby UCLA where he graduated a pre-med major. He served his country for six years in the Marine Reserve.

Jim was a Boy Scout and attained the rank of Eagle Scout and received the Order of the Arrow. He later became an assistant Scout Master and finally Scout Master. Always with an interest in youngsters, he helped them with craft classes at the local YMCA. He annually sponsored the Best Junior Foreign Exhibit by the American Numismatic Association.

Jim became interested in numismatics at an early age when his mother showed him a jar of older domestic and foreign coins that his relatives had saved. This grew into a passionate pursuit and life-long interest, one that took him around the world many times.

While touring Europe by motorbike, he learned of the impending sale of coins by King Farouk in Egypt and attended that memorable sale. He was lucky to leave the country without harm during the civil unrest at that period. At one time, Jim owned a rare 1954 English penny and often told of the time that he turned down an offer to buy for \$800 one of five 1913 Liberty head nickels.

Jim was the editor of Money Talks, a book of articles compiled from the publications of the California State Numismatic Association. He was appointed to this position by Charles Kappin, with whom Jim stayed in touch, over the years. He also wrote numerous science fiction books under the pen name of Keith Laumer. This fact was not widely known, but you can still find these at your favourite book store. He recently received an award from the Numismatic Association of Southern California, for being the 2nd best editor in 1997 of a club bulletin - the Bay Cities Coin Club Bulletin. Jim was a popular speaker at club meetings and spoke on a wide variety of numismatic topics. In 1995, he spoke at the CSNA Educational Symposium on the 1894 California Mid Winter Exposition. This was the main joy of his collecting and it was his intent to donate it, after he passed on, to a museum in northern California.

Jim briefly owned a coin store with his good friend Lew Upton, but later sold the Santa Monica business. Later on, he worked in town for Bubar's Jewelers and for his friend Joel Malter in Encino, dealing in ancient and foreign coins.

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(continued from page three) - James L. Betton III

He contributed to the archives of the Santa Monica Historical Society just as his mother had also done for many years. Jim was one of the founding members of the Society for International Numismatics and the driving force of this organization for many years. It was his idea that led to the donation of the SIN library to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

He was president of the Bay Cities Coin Club (twice), NASC, COIN, Los Angeles Coin Club, SIN and active in most local clubs for more years than he wanted to remember. He was active in the Canadian Numismatic Association (10 year board member), American Numismatic Association, California Exonumist Society. He belonged to the American Numismatic Society, San Diego Numismatic Society, Santa Barbara Coin Club, West Valley and Culver City clubs, plus many other national and international groups in Mexico, Great Britain, the Philippines and more. Awards Jim received include the Aubrey Austin Memorial Award from the Bay Cities Coin Club (& Life Membership), the Silver Award of Merit from SIN and the Numismatic Ambassador Award from Krause Publications.

On Saturday, February 21, family, friends and neighbours attended a memorial service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Officiating was Bishop Norman Hammer. Those speaking were: Paul Betton, Dennis Betton, Mark Metzer, Richard Dysart, Joel Malter, Ben Abelson and Raymond Race. After the hour long event, everybody was invited to the residence for refreshments. It was a warm, sunny day and most people were out in the yard, as Jim would have wanted. He always took care of the yard and everyone was told that they could take any of the many plants he lovingly nurtured as a memory of Jim.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis Betton (323 Alan Circle, Sandy, Utah 84070), his aunt Stella Atwill (1350 El Hito Circle, Pacific Palisades 90272), his aunt Roberta Webb-French (Lake Tahoe), two nephews, one niece and about three dozen cousins.

Donations in Jim's memory can be made to any of the clubs to which he belonged. Jim was laid to rest all too soon at the family plot at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica.

We will all miss Jim's little notes and phone calls reminding us of events, friends in the hospital or sick at home, funerals to attend, or just checking on us to see how we were. He was a very compassionate, caring friend, and we miss him already.

Bay Cities Coin Club
Society for International Numismatics

**36th ANNUAL
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**CITADEL HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTRE
101 LYON STREET NORTH
OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1R 5T9
Tel: (613) 237 - 3600**

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1998

14:00 - 16:00	Royal Canadian Mint "Floor" Tour [meet in the Mint's Boutique - Maximum of 25 participants, by pre-registration only]
18:00	Security commences [International Ballroom A, B & C]
18:00 - 21:00	Registration Table open [Foyer]
18:00 - 21:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors [International Ballroom A, B & C]
21:00	Reception - free admission to all dealers, registrants and committee members - full bar and more! [Ontario Suite, Room 1819]

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998

06:30 - 09:00	Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting [Victoria Room]
08:00 - 09:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors [International Ballroom A, B & C]
08:00 - 18:00	Registration Table open [Foyer]
09:00 - 10:00	Registrants' preview of bourse and exhibits [International Ballroom A, B & C]
09:00 - 12:30	CTCCC Meeting [Le Chaudiere Room]
10:00	Official opening of 1998 O.N.A. Convention at entrance of Bourse Room [Foyer].
10:00 - 14:00	Preview of Auction Material [Bourse Room - International Ballroom A, B & C]
10:00 - 16:00	Hospitality Suite open to dealers and registered guests [Ontario Suite, Room 1819]
10:00 - 18:00	Bourse Room open to the general public (Admission: \$2 per person) [International Ballroom A, B & C]
13:00 - 15:00	CATC Meeting [Le Chaudiere Room]
13:00 - 16:00	Spousal "Mystery" Tour [participants meet at Queen Street entrance of Citadel Hotel - Bus leaves at 13:00 sharp]
14:00	Charles Moore NUMISMATIC AUCTION [Victoria Room]
15:00 - 17:00	CAWMC Meeting [Le Chaudiere Room]
18:00	Bourse Room closes to the general public
18:30 - 19:00	Pre-Banquet Reception with Cash Bar [Top of the Hill North]
19:00 - 22:00	BANQUET [Top of the Hill North]

N O T E

By special arrangement with Mr. Graham Esler, Curator of the **Bank of Canada's Currency Museum**, all registrants displaying their ONA Convention badges will be admitted free-of-charge to the Currency Museum on Saturday and Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1998

08:30 - 10:30	O.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting [<i>Joliet Room</i>]
09:00	Bourse Room open to registered dealers and exhibitors [<i>International Ballroom A, B & C</i>]
10:00 - 16:00	Bourse Room open to the general public (Admission: \$2 per person) [<i>International Ballroom A, B & C</i>]
10:30 - 11:30	O.N.A. General Meeting [<i>Le Chaudiere Room</i>]
11:00 - 15:00	Hospitality Suite open to dealers and registered guests [<i>Ontario Suite, Room 1819</i>]
12:00 - 14:00	O.N.A. Executive Meeting [<i>Seigniory Room</i>]
16:00	O.N.A. Draw for the "Dream Vacation" [<i>International Ballroom Foyer</i>]
16:00	Bourse Room closes to the general public
16:00	SHOW CLOSES
17:00	Security ends

Registration Form

Name of Registrant:	Telephone # ()
Address:	Province:
City:	Postal Code:

QUANTITY	FUNCTION OR ITEM	EACH	TOTAL
	Convention Registration Kit. includes the following: Gold Plated convention metal, Standard Catalogue of Canadian Municipal Trade Tokens and Notes, Numismatic Ottawa Book, 1980 ONA Bronze Medal, 1967 Ottawa Trade Dollar, 1970 Ottawa Trade Dollar, Admission to show, Use of Hospitality Suite, ONA draw ticket, Set of COCC "OTTEX" woods, Souvenir program and much more (Approx. value \$110.00 - Cost of registration received before March 31, 1998 is \$40.00)	\$45.00	
	Spousal Registration Kit (only available to the spouse of the above registrant) includes the following: 1980 Silver charm, Admission to show, Use of Hospitality Suite, ONA draw ticket, Souvenir Program and more (Cost of registration received before March 31, 1998 is \$20.00)	\$25.00	
	Friday, April 17th, 2pm to 4pm Royal Canadian Mint Floor Tour (Maximum 25 Participants - names must be provided by April 3rd)	Free	
	Friday, April 17th, 9pm Reception with full bar for pre-registered guests and dealers	Free	
	Non-registered guests	\$10.00	
	Saturday, April 18th, 1pm to 4pm Spousal (Mystery) Tour (Minimum 20 Participants - deadline for registration is April 1st)	\$20.00	
	Bank of Canada Currency Museum (entry by convention badge only Saturday and Sunday)	Free	
	Saturday, April 18th, 7pm Banquet	\$35.00	
	Sunday, April 19th, 8am Club Delegates breakfast meeting	\$6.50	
	Convention Medals		
	Silver .999 fine official souvenir medal	\$35.00	
	Antiqued bronze official souvenir medal	\$10.00	
	Additional Dream Vacation draw ticket	\$2.00	
	GRAND TOTAL		

Make cheques payable to "ONA Convention 1998". Return cheque and this completed form to: City of Ottawa Coin Club, P.O. Box 55127, 240 Sparks St. Ottawa, Ont., K1P 1A1

♣ 36th ANNUAL O. N. A. CONVENTION ♣
TO BE HELD IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL
* * *
HOSTED BY THE CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB
APRIL 18 & 19, 1998 ♣

The largest and most important numismatic event to be held in the Nation's Capital, Ottawa, during the last two decades will take place on April 18 and 19, 1998 in conjunction with the 36th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA). As well as being a landmark event in its own right, it will set the stage for the 50th Annual (Golden Anniversary) Convention of the *Canadian Numismatic Association* (CNA) that will take place in Ottawa in the millennium year of 2000. Efforts are under way to ensure that the 2000 event will be the most memorable CNA Convention of all time.

The ONA Convention to be held in April of this year will be hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club. The ONA is the only truly provincial numismatic association in Canada, and was incorporated in 1962 as a non-profit educational and social organization dedicated to the collector of coins, tokens and paper money. The ONA's executive committee has grown to include an impressive network of 11 regional directors and it publishes an informative journal (the "Ontario Numismatist") every two months. Over 35 local clubs and numismatic organizations and hundreds of individual collectors in Canada and the United States are members of the ONA. The customary ONA Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting will take place at the Annual ONA Convention at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, and the cost will be \$6.50 per person.

The 47 bourse tables for the Ottawa ONA 1998 Convention were sold out long ago, which attests to the interest and popularity of the Ottawa venue. Coin bourses provide legendary opportunities for filling the gaps in one's collection as well as for locating that proverbial "bargain", during which a collector's specialized knowledge can be put to good use. It is widely acknowledged that no dealer or collector can be an authority in all fields, and the possibilities of finding an underpriced rarity in a dealer's stock are generally higher than is often realized (e.g., a transportation token in the stock of a dealer who specializes in Canadian decimal coins, or a foreign banknote in the stock of a Canadian paper money specialist). It is widely accepted in all collecting areas that the "thrill of the hunt" is generally more pleasurable than the actual acquisition of the item in question, and coins, tokens, medals and paper money are no exceptions in this respect.

In addition to the numismatic bourse, which is the heart of any coin show, there will be numerous related activities including (i) a special "floor" tour of the Royal Canadian Mint (maximum of 25 participants, by pre-registration only), (ii) a "mystery" tour for registrants' spouses, (iii) free admission for registrants to the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum on the Saturday and Sunday, and (iv) meetings of various numismatic clubs and societies (i.e., the Ontario Numismatic Association, the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Canadian Association of Token Collectors, the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and the Canadian Tire Corporation Coupon Collectors' Club). Furthermore, there will be many educational displays

(competitive as well as non-competitive) offering both advanced and novice collectors an opportunity to view exceptional, rare and interesting material and to enhance their knowledge of numismatics and numismatic history.

One of the principal highlights of the 36th Annual ONA Convention will be the numismatic auction of international calibre to be conducted by Charles D. Moore of California on Saturday, April 18 commencing at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Moore has confirmed that approximately 1000 lots of choice, rare and affordable Canadian and Newfoundland coins and paper money will be offered to the highest bidder, with a total estimated value of about \$750,000. Over 750 ICCS and PCGS certified decimal coins will be included (the majority being in Mint State condition), as well as rare patterns, specimen strikes, major mint errors, large dealer lots, starter sets, proof-like sets, collections and general accumulations. Also included will be over 175 lots of scarce and rare Dominion of Canada and Chartered Bank paper money, as well as several specimen and proof notes from the American Banknote Company Archive sales that were held in New York during 1989 and 1990. Of particular interest to Ottawa collectors will be a major collection of rarely-encountered Bank of Ottawa notes and those of other Canadian banks (such as the Bank of Montreal) overprinted for specific use in Ottawa. Based upon the numerous high-quality public auctions conducted by Mr. Moore during the last two decades, Ottawa collectors and other visitors to the show are going to be in for a rare treat. Mr. Moore has reported that a separate Mail Bid Only auction containing an additional 600 lots will be included in the auction catalogue. Contained in the mail bid portion will be literally thousands of coins for the beginning and intermediate collector. Copies of the auction catalogue are available from the auctioneer at CAN\$10.00 each (which includes prices realized after the sale) -- contact Charles D. Moore, P.O. Box 5233, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Tel: (510) 946-0150, Fax: (510) 930-7710.

The 36th Annual ONA Convention will take place at the Citadel Hotel & Convention Centre at 101 Lyon Street North in downtown Ottawa, just a few minutes walk from Parliament Hill. The show times are Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The admission fee for adults will be \$2.00, while children under 12 will be admitted free of charge. The City of Ottawa Coin Club will have a booth to provide new collectors with general information about the hobby and an opportunity to join the various numismatic clubs and societies. Official souvenir medals will be struck to commemorate the 36th Annual ONA Convention and will be available in 99.9% silver (40 pieces) and in antique bronze (75 pieces) at a cost of \$35 and \$10 each respectively.

